

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for determining the characteristics of a display device coupled to a network client device capable of receiving television (TV) signals, the network client device having video and audio output capabilities, said method comprising the steps of:

driving a display device with a first video output signal formatted according to a first video interface specification;

responsive to driving the display device, explicitly querying a user, the query configured to solicit a response from the user that corresponds to whether the user can presently observe information rendered on the display device, the soliciting user input based on information included in the first video output signal;

determining a characteristic of the display device based on the user input responsive to determining that the user can presently observe the information, the determination based on user input corresponding to the solicited response;

driving the display device with a second video output signal and repeating the explicit query to the user responsive to determining that the user cannot presently observe the information receiving a TV signal at a network client device;

processing the TV signal by the network client device according to the determined characteristic; and

transmitting a video output signal according to the first video interface specification and according to at least one parameter of the TV signal to the display device.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the characteristic includes at least one of a type of display device, picture size, frame rate, scan format, color format, colorimetry, picture width-to-height aspect ratio, width-to-height aspect ratio of pixels, and capability and manner of receiving ancillary data.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the display device includes ~~at least one of~~ a television set ~~and~~ or a display monitor.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein the explicit query is in the form of further including the step of transmitting an audio output signal containing~~ audible voice instructions to the user presented contemporaneously with driving the display device with the first video output signal.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of driving a display device with a first video output signal includes the step of transmitting ~~at least one of~~ graphics data, video data, ~~and~~ or a combination of both graphics and video data.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4 53, wherein the transmitted video output signal is delivered through a video port in the network client device, the video port preset according to the first video interface specification and according to at least one parameter of the TV signal.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the explicit query is in the form of ~~step of soliciting includes the step of presenting at least one of visible instructions and~~ audible visual instructions to the user.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining includes the step of determining what are optimal signal parameters to send to the display device.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining includes the step of determining at least one of how to drive the display device such that a legible, distorted picture is presented and what are optimal signal parameters to send to the display device.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of driving the display device with the second video output signal further includes including the step of driving the display device according to a second video format different than a first video format of the first video output signal, wherein the step of driving the display device according to a the second video format is at least one of a result of an automatic cycling to the second video output signal either after a defined threshold period of time of receiving no user input and or as a result of the user input.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of driving the display device according to a the second video format includes the step of driving the display device through an output port used to drive the display device according to the first video format.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14 1, wherein the step of driving the display device ~~according to a~~ with the second video output signal format includes the step of driving the display device with the second video output signal formatted according to a second video interface specification different than the first video interface specification, the second video output signal driven through an output port different than the output port used to drive the display device ~~according to~~ with the first video output signal, format wherein the step of driving the display device with the second video output signal is a result of an automatic cycling to the second video output signal.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the display device is physically connected to a network client device.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the display device is in wireless communication with a network client device.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including the step of receiving a request for discovery of the characteristic.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of receiving a the request includes the step of receiving a signal corresponding to the activation of a button on a remote control device.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further including the step of receiving a request for cycling through ~~at least one of a~~ a different video format, a different output port, or a combination of a different video format and a different output port.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of receiving a the request includes the step of receiving a signal corresponding to the activation of a button on a remote control device.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further including the step of driving the display device according to ~~at least one of~~ the determined characteristic ~~and~~ or a plurality of determined characteristics to present content on a display screen of the display device, wherein the step of driving the display device is further according to at least one parameter of the TV signal.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, further including the step of receiving stored pictures to process and present the corresponding content on the display screen of the display device.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the pictures include at least one of distorted objects, non-distorted objects, distorted images, non-distorted images, visual information, and a graphical characteristic to provide an indication of the characteristic of the display device.

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~4~~ 20, ~~wherein the step of determining a characteristic of the display device further includes~~ further including the step of determining how a user has configured the display device to display a TV signal of a defined aspect ratio on the display device, the display device having at least one of the same physical aspect ratio and a different aspect ratio as the defined aspect ratio of the TV signal.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4 20, further including soliciting additional wherein the user input based on the content displayed on the display screen, the additional user input corresponding to includes user preferences pertaining to visual appearance of the displayed content.

25. (Previously Presented) A method for determining the characteristics of a display device coupled to a network client device, said method comprising the steps of:

cycling through a plurality of video formats, each part of the cycle including a predetermined time duration;

outputting a video signal including pictures for each part of the cycle, wherein the pictures include at least one of graphics data and video data;

processing the pictures for each video format for output to a display device;

setting parameters of a video output port according to each video format;

soliciting a user response for each video format, wherein the step of soliciting includes the step of presenting at least one of visible instructions and audible instructions to the user;

determining at least one characteristic of the display device based on the user response, wherein the characteristic includes at least one of type of device, picture size, frame rate, scan format, color format, colorimetry, picture width-to-height aspect ratio, width-to-height aspect ratio of pixels, capability of providing ancillary data, manner of providing the ancillary data; and

driving the display device according to at least one parameter of a received TV signal processed by the network client device according to the determined characteristic to present images on a display screen.

26. (Currently amended) A system for determining the characteristics of a display device, said system comprising:

a memory with logic; and

a processor configured with the logic to drive a display device with a first video output signal formatted according to a first video interface specification, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to, responsive to driving the display device, query a user, the query configured to solicit a response from the user that corresponds to whether the user can presently observe an object rendered on the display device, the solicit user input based on information object included in the first video output signal, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to determine a characteristic of the display device responsive to determining that the user can presently observe the object, the determination based on user input corresponding to the solicited response based on the user input, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to effect driving drive the display device with a second video output signal and repeating the query to the user responsive to determining that the user cannot presently observe the object according to the determined characteristic,

wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to receive a TV signal, process the TV signal according to the determined characteristic, and transmit a video output signal according to the first video interface specification and according to at least one parameter of the TV signal to the display device.

27. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein the characteristic includes at least one of a type of display device, picture size, frame rate, scan format, color format, colorimetry, picture width-to-height aspect ratio, width-to-height aspect ratio of pixels, and capability and manner of receiving ancillary data.

28. (Currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the display device includes ~~at least one of a television set and~~ or a display monitor.

29. (Currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to query by effect-effecting the transmittal of an audio output signal containing audible voice instructions to the user contemporaneously with driving the display device with the first video output signal.

30. (Currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to effect the transmittal of ~~at least one of~~ graphics data, video data, or a combination of graphics data and video data.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to receive a TV signal from a network, process the TV signal, and effect the transmittal of a video output signal according to the first video interface specification and according to at least one parameter of the TV signal.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to effect the transmittal of a video output signal through a video port, the video port preset according to the first video interface specification and according to at least one parameter of the TV signal.

33. (Currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to query select by effecting the presentation of ~~at least one of visible instructions and audible~~ visual instructions to the user.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to determine what are optimal signal parameters to send to the display device.

35. (Currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the processor is further configured with the display logic to determine ~~at least one of~~ how to drive the display device such that a legible, distorted picture is presented, determine and what are optimal signal parameters to send to the display device, or a combination of both.

36. (Currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to effect driving the display device with the second video output signal according to a second video format, the second video format different than a first video format of the first video output signal, the driving of the display device according to the second video output signal ~~a second video format being at least one of~~ a result of an automatic cycling to the second video output signal from the first video output signal after a defined threshold period of time of receiving no user input ~~and~~ or as a result of the user input.

37. (Currently amended) The system of claim 36, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to effect driving the display device with the second video output signal through an output port used to drive the display device ~~according to~~ with the first video output signal format.

38. (Currently amended) The system of claim 36, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to effect driving the display device with the second video output signal formatted in accordance with a second video interface specification through an output port different than the output port used to drive the display device with the first video output signal according to the first video format.

39. (Currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to effect communication with the display device through ~~at least one of~~ a wireless connection or and a physical connection.

40. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, further including a remote control device configured with a button that, responsive to activation of the button, cooperates with the logic to initiate discovery of characteristics of the device.

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, further including a remote control device configured with a button that, responsive to activation of the button, cooperates with the logic to cycle through at least one of a plurality of formats and a plurality of video ports.

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to receive pictures from a storage device, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic, and in cooperation with a media engine and output system, to process the pictures and present content resulting from the processing on a display screen of the display device.

44. (Original) The system of claim 43, wherein the pictures include at least one of distorted objects, non-distorted objects, distorted images, non-distorted images, visual information, and a graphical characteristic to provide an indication of the characteristic of the display device.

45. (Currently amended) The system of claim 43, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic, and in cooperation with the media engine and the output system, to distort at least one of objects and video images and leave undistorted at least one of objects and video images.

46. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 43, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic, and in cooperation with the media engine and the output system, to determine how a user has configured the display device to display a TV signal of a defined aspect ratio on the display device having at least one of the same physical aspect ratio and a different aspect ratio as the defined aspect ratio of the TV signal.

47. (Currently amended) The system of claim 26 43, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to solicit additional user input based on the content displayed on the display screen, the additional user input corresponding to includes user preferences pertaining to selection of a first content in a first presentation instance and a second content in a second presentation instance.

48. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein the system is embodied in a network client device in communication with the display device.

49-52. (Cancelled)

53. (New) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:
mapping the first video interface specification and corresponding port to at least one parameter of a video sequence or picture associated with the first video output signal;
receiving a TV signal at a network client device;
processing the TV signal by the network client device according to the determined characteristic; and
transmitting a video output signal according to the first video interface specification and according to at least one parameter of the TV signal to the display device that corresponds to the at least one parameter of the video sequence or picture associated with the first video output signal.

54. (New) The system of claim 26, wherein the processor is further configured with the logic to:

map the first video interface specification and corresponding port to at least one parameter of a video sequence or picture associated with the first video output signal;

receive a TV signal at a network client device;

process the TV signal by the network client device according to the determined characteristic; and

effect transmittal of a video output signal according to the first video interface specification and according to at least one parameter of the TV signal to the display device that corresponds to the at least one parameter of the video sequence or picture associated with the first video output signal.

55. (New) A method, comprising:

outputting a first television signal to a display device, the first television signal comprising one or more pictures, wherein at least one picture has a parameter configured with a first value;

outputting a second television signal to the display device, the second television signal comprising one or more pictures, at least one picture having the parameter configured with a second value, the difference in parameter values resulting in a difference in visual appearance of the at least one picture corresponding to each of the first and second television signals; and

soliciting one or more user inputs from a user, the solicitation intended to determine a user preference for the at least one picture corresponding to the first television signal or the second television signal; and

determining a display device characteristic based on the solicited user inputs.

56. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein outputting includes outputting the first and second television signals from the same port, the same port compliant to a first video interface specification.

57. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein outputting includes outputting the first and second television signals from a first port and a second port, respectively, the first port compliant to a first video interface specification and the second port compliant to a second video interface specification, the first video interface specification different than the second video interface specification.

58. (New) The method of claim 55, further comprising storing the display device characteristic in memory.